

OESU BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom

January 5, 2021

Present:

Board Members:

BMU: Allison Ingerson, Judy Murray

OUUSD: Danielle Corti, Chelsey Perry

Thetford: Charlie Buttrey, Donna Pluta, Megan Snider

Waits River: Jason Rogers

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Bruce Williams, Linda Metcalf, Melanie Elliott, Alison Kidder, Cate Beaton, Nicole Bell, Robin Wozny

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Vice-Chair Judy Murray. Those present were welcomed, and each member present introduced him/herself. The agenda was reviewed.
- II. Board Business
 - A. Motion by Megan Snider, seconded by Donna Pluta to approve the Board minutes of November 3, 2020. Motion voted on and approved with two abstentions (Charlie Buttrey and Chelsey Perry).
 - B. Motion by Charlie Buttrey, seconded by Danielle Corti to approve the Board minutes of December 16, 2020. Motion voted on and approved with three abstentions (Danielle Corti, Chelsey Perry, and Megan Snider)
 - C. Board Orders—Danielle Corti reported that all the bills were routine. She thanked the office for all their work in making it easy and safe to go in and review board orders.
 - D. Contracts—None
 - E. Correspondence: Two requests for retirement have been received.
 1. Motion by Danielle Corti, seconded by Megan Snider to accept the retirement of Asst. Supt. Bruce Williams, with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. D. Corti expressed “unbelievably deep gratitude” for his work and appreciation for all he has done. Other Board members also expressed their thanks.
 2. Motion by Megan Snider, seconded by Danielle Corti to accept the retirement of Donna Waelter, with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
- III. OESU Budget Update
 - A. Overall, the budget is down. There was a surplus in ‘18-’19, which included a \$99,454.00 surplus in Special Education and \$196,792 surplus in the General Fund. They anticipate a surplus in the current budget, but will wait for the auditor.
 - B. This year’s budget is \$20,726.00 less than last year.
 1. Central Administration—decreased by \$372,514.00 due to 2 partial staff reductions and less costs for the move in location for the SU offices
 - C. The Transportation line item is up about \$17,000.00. This service is contracted

- D. EES decrease \$23,971.00
- E. Special Education increased by \$41,847.00
- F. ELL increased by \$7,473.00
- G. Shared Arts Program and Ropes Course Level Funded
- H. Salary increase estimated at 3%, Health Insurance increase at 10%, based on stated rates from VEHI
- I. How do we Create the OESU Special Education Budget?
 - 1. IEP Process
 - 2. Service Plan
 - 3. Informs OESU Budget for Early Childhood and K-12
 - 4. Para Costs Remain Local

IV. Policy:

- A. Motion by Charlie Buttrey, seconded by Danielle Corti to table Policy C22 Student Activities. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- B. Motion by Charlie Buttrey, seconded by Megan Snider to adopt Policy C23 Student Clubs & Activities. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- C. First Read:
 - 1. C12 Prevention of Sexual Harassment as Prohibited by Title IX
 - 2. C13 Homeless Students

V. Select Assistant Superintendent Hiring Committee Board Rep

- A. By acclamation, Danielle Corti was selected as the representative from the Board for the Asst. Supt. Hiring Committee

VI. Agenda Items for February Meeting

- A. Budget
- B. Policies
- C. Update on Asst. Supt. Search. Bruce Williams has offered to have a transition time through summer and fall.
- D. CARES and ESSER Money

VII. Update on COVID (Nicole Bell)

- A. Utilizing ESSER money now. The Business office has received money from two sources for COVID. They just received guidance that more ESSER and CRF money will be forthcoming.

VIII. Public Comment—None

IX. Motion by Megan Snider, seconded by Danielle Corti to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk

The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.